

REMARKS

Upon entry of this second preliminary amendment, claims 1, 8, 16, 18, 21, 24-25, 27, and 31-45 are in this application. New claims 32-45 are supported throughout the specification and by original claims 2-7, 9-15, 17, 19-20, 22-23, 26, and 28-30, respectively, and have eliminated most multiple dependencies. No new matter is added by this preliminary amendment.

The attached Abstract of the Disclosure is supported throughout the specification.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix A is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

Attached hereto is a clean copy of all of the pending claims. The attached Appendix B is captioned "Clean Copy of Pending Claims Without Markings".

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the pending claims.

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Appendix A
Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the specification:

Page 1, line 3, before "Field of the Invention", insert the following new paragraph:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This is a 371 of PCT/CA00/00258, filed March 9, 2000, which claims the benefit of the priorities of U. S. Patent Application No. 60/144,919, filed July 21, 1999, now abandoned, U. S. Patent Application No. 60/127,386, filed April 1, 1999, now abandoned, and U. S. Patent Application No. 60/124,260, filed March 11, 1999, now abandoned.

In the claims:

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

8. (Amended) An isolated ~~KLK-L1~~ protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, or 3, 14, 22, 23, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66, and 67.

Claim 16 has been amended as follows:

16. (Amended) A protein prepared ~~in accordance with~~ by the method of claim ~~15~~ 37.

Claim 18 has been amended as follows:

18. (Amended) ~~An~~ The antibody as claimed in according to claim 17 38 labeled with a detectable substance and used to detect the protein in biological samples, tissues, and cells.

Claim 21 has been amended as follows:

21. (Amended) A method as claimed in according to claim 20 40 wherein the condition is cancer.

Claim 24 has been amended as follows:

24. (Amended) A method for detecting a nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 14, 22, 23, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66, or 67 in a biological sample comprising the steps of:

- (a) hybridizing a nucleic acid molecule of claim 2 32 to nucleic acids of the biological sample, thereby forming a hybridization complex; and
- (b) detecting the hybridization complex wherein the presence of the hybridization complex correlates with the presence of a nucleic acid molecule encoding the protein in the biological sample.

Claim 27 has been amended as follows:

27. (Amended) A method as claimed in according to claim 26 44 wherein the condition is cancer.

Claim 31 has been amended as follows:

31. (Amended) A transgenic animal assay system which provides a model system for testing for an agent that reduces or inhibits a KLK-L1, KLK-L2, KLK-L3, KLK-L4, KLK-L5, or KLK-L6 protein associated pathology comprising:

- (a) administering the agent to a transgenic non-human animal as claimed in claim 26 43; and
- (b) determining whether said agent reduces or inhibits a KLK-L1, KLK-L2, KLK-L3, KLK-L4, KLK-L5, or KLK-L6 protein associated pathology in the transgenic non-human animal relative to a transgenic non-human animal of step (a) which has not been administered the agent.

Appendix B**Clean Copy of Pending Claims Without Markings**

1. An isolated KLK-L1, KLK-L2, KLK-L3, KLK-L4, KLK-L5, or KLK-L6 nucleic acid molecule of at least 30 nucleotides which hybridizes to SEQ ID NO: 1, 13, 21, 43, 56, or 65, respectively, or the complement of SEQ ID NO: 1, 13, 21, 43, 56, or 65, under stringent hybridization conditions.
8. An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 14, 22, 23, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66, and 67.
16. A protein prepared by the method of claim 37.
18. The antibody according to claim 38 labeled with a detectable substance and used to detect the protein in biological samples, tissues, and cells.
21. A method according to claim 40 wherein the condition is cancer.
24. A method for detecting a nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 14, 22, 23, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66, or 67 in a biological sample comprising the steps of:
 - (a) hybridizing a nucleic acid molecule of claim 32 to nucleic acids of the biological sample, thereby forming a hybridization complex; and
 - (b) detecting the hybridization complex wherein the presence of the hybridization complex correlates with the presence of a nucleic acid molecule encoding the protein in the biological sample.

25. A method as claimed in claim 24 wherein nucleic acids of the biological sample are amplified by the polymerase chain reaction prior to the hybridizing step.

27. A method according to claim 44 wherein the condition is cancer.

31. A transgenic animal assay system which provides a model system for testing for an agent that reduces or inhibits a KLK-L1, KLK-L2, KLK-L3, KLK-L4, KLK-L5, or KLK-L6 protein associated pathology comprising:

- (a) administering the agent to a transgenic non-human animal according to claim 43; and
- (b) determining whether said agent reduces or inhibits a KLK-L1, KLK-L2, KLK-L3, KLK-L4, KLK-L5, or KLK-L6 protein associated pathology in the transgenic non-human animal relative to a transgenic non-human animal of step (a) which has not been administered the agent.

32. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 which comprises:

- (i) a nucleic acid sequence encoding a protein having substantial sequence identity with an amino acid sequence of a KLK-L1, KLK-L2, KLK-L3, KLK-L4, KLK-L5, or KLK-L6 protein as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 14, 22, 23, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66, or 67, respectively;
- (ii) a nucleic acid sequence encoding a protein comprising an amino acid sequence of a KLK-L1, KLK-L2, KLK-L3, KLK-L4, KLK-L5, or KLK-L6 protein as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 14, 22, 23, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66, or 67, respectively;
- (iii) nucleic acid sequences complementary to (i);
- (iv) a degenerate form of a nucleic acid sequence of (i);

- (v) a nucleic acid sequence capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to a nucleic acid sequence in (i), (ii) or (iii);
- (vi) a nucleic acid sequence encoding a truncation, an analog, an allelic or species variation of a protein comprising an amino acid sequence of a KLK-L1, KLK-L2, KLK-L3, KLK-L4, KLK-L5, or KLK-L6 protein as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 14, 22, 23, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66, or 67, respectively; or
- (vii) a fragment, or allelic or species variation of (i), (ii) or (iii).

33. The isolated nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1 which comprises:

- (i) a nucleic acid sequence comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 13, 21, 43, 56, or 65 wherein T can also be U;
- (ii) nucleic acid sequences complementary to (i), preferably complementary to the full nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 13, 21, 43, 56, or 65;
- (iii) a nucleic acid capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to a nucleic acid of (i) or (ii) and preferably having at least 18 nucleotides; or
- (iv) a nucleic acid molecule differing from any of the nucleic acids of (i) to (iii) in codon sequences due to the degeneracy of the genetic code.

34. A regulatory sequence of an isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 32 fused to a nucleic acid which encodes a heterologous protein.

35. A vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule of claim 32.

36. A host cell comprising a nucleic acid molecule of claim 32.

37. A method for preparing a protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 14, 22, 23, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66, and 67 comprising:

- (a) transferring a vector of claim 35 into a host cell;
- (b) selecting transformed host cells from untransformed host cells;
- (c) culturing a selected transformed host cell under conditions which allow expression of the protein; and
- (d) isolating the protein.

38. An antibody having specificity against an epitope of a polypeptide or protein of claim 8.

39. A probe comprising a sequence encoding a protein of claim 8 or a part thereof.

40. A method of diagnosing and monitoring conditions mediated by a protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 14, 22, 23, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66, and 67 by determining the presence of a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 encoding the protein or determining the presence of said protein.

41. A method for identifying a substance which associates with a protein of claim 8 comprising:

- (a) reacting the protein with at least one substance which potentially can associate with the protein, under conditions which permit the association between the substance and protein; and
- (b) removing or detecting protein associated with the substance, wherein detection of associated protein and substance indicates the substance associates with the protein.

42. A method for evaluating a compound for its ability to modulate the biological activity of a protein of claim 8 comprising providing a known concentration of the protein with a substance which associates with the protein and a test compound under conditions which permit the formation of complexes between the substance and protein, and removing and/or detecting complexes.

43. A method of treating a condition mediated by a protein that comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 14, 22, 23, 44, 45, 57, 58, 59, 60, 66 and 67 comprising administering an effective amount of a composition selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) an antibody having specificity against an epitope of said protein; and
- (b) a substance or compound identified by the method of one of claims 41 or 42.

44. A composition comprising a compound selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1;
- (b) a protein of claim 8; or
- (b) a substance or compound identified by the method of one of claims claim 41 or 42,

said composition further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient or diluent.

45. A transgenic non-human mammal which does not express a KLK-L1, KLK-L2, KLK-L3, KLK-L4, KLK-L5, or KLK-L6 protein of claim 8, resulting in a KLK-L1, KLK-L2, KLK-L3, KLK-L4, KLK-L5, or KLK-L6 protein associated pathology, respectively.